GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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REDUCING COST OVERRUNS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism in place for reducing and preventing cost and time overruns of projects undertaken by the Ministry in other countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has been successful in such efforts during the past three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) The Ministry has established mechanisms for reducing and preventing cost and time overruns of projects undertaken by the Ministry in other countries, the details of which are as below:

i. Development Partnership Administration(DPA) was set up in the Ministry of External Affairs in January 2012 to effectively oversee and monitor India`s development assistance projects abroad through the stages of conception, launch, execution and completion; and

ii. Bilateral Project Steering Committees have been established, wherever feasible, and regular meetings of these committees and site visits to review the status of the project, monitor and address factors affecting timely and effective implementation of projects.

(b)&(c) The projects undertaken by the Ministry in other countries in the past three years are ongoing and at different stages of execution. These projects are monitored closely by the respective Project Authorities/Steering Committees and, barring unforeseen local factors, are so far proceeding satisfactorily.